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In re Application of  
Rudolf Heinz et al  
Application No. 09/674,771  
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: ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 10, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed May 15, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). Since the amendment submitted does not *prima facie* placing the application in condition for allowance, no Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee), or a continuing application was timely filed. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 16, 2003.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 305-9282.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 2834 for processing of the request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114.

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